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December 10, 1986

Mr. Harold Roberts
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Dear Mr. Roberts:

Re: Reclamation of Sahara Mine, ACT/015/026, Emery County, Utah

It has been six years since Energy Fuels Nuclear, Inc. suspended operations at the Sahara Mine. In 1983 the Division approved an additional two year suspension period based partially on the fact that you were maintaining the mine site in a condition that would facilitate the resumption of mining operations. The suspension period has now elapsed and a November 20, 1986 field inspection shows that the Sahara Mine site has deteriorated considerably since 1983 (see attached field memo). The Division proposes the following two reclamation options at this time for the Sahara Mine site:

1. Reclamation of the site according to the approved reclamation plan.
2. Grant an 18 month extension to the Sahara Mine suspension if Energy Fuels Nuclear can show that the Sahara Mine is still viable. Before granting an extension we would require that you clean up the trash and remove the air receiver and Mack truck from the mine site.

Please let us know what course of action that you wish to pursue regarding the Sahara Mine. If Energy Fuels Nuclear chooses to reclaim the site, the earthwork and seeding should be performed in the early fall of 1987. We can assist you in determining proper cover levels for the evaporation ponds and waste dump areas. We can also lend assistance in evaluating the success of your vegetation test plots and in determining a good seed mix for revegetation.

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The Division is currently reviewing the status of all the permitted mines in the state. This review will cover Energy Fuels Nuclear's Repete and Straight Creek Mines also. We can arrange for Division personnel to meet with you at these mine sites for a joint inspection if you desire. Should you have any questions, require additional information or wish to arrange a joint inspection, please contact me or Frank Filas of my staff.

Sincerely,



L. P. Braxton
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Enclosure

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